

January 2016  
Foreman Report

### **Roads**

- January has been an interesting month with several freeze-thaw cycles. We are currently in a freeze cycle and the roads are extremely slippery, I highly encourage motorists to slow down. We have been maintaining the corners and intersections, as best we can, with our limited amount of salt/sand. We use a 3% salt to sand ratio. This is the least amount of salt that can be used and still be effective. We do not have a building to store our salt/sand and thus try to predict how much we are going to use each year. Currently we have used about half of what we made. The sand that is being used is from the dredged sand from our harbor and the salt is purchased from the county at the cheapest possible rate, usually \$60-\$80/ton.
- The crew has flooded both Ice Road approaches several times during the last cold snap. Unfortunately the weather in the end of January turned warm and we have been delayed with continuing the flooding. The purpose of us flooding is to thicken and strengthen the ice to accommodate the heavy windsleds if the need to use them happens. If the little bit of ice remains and it becomes cold again we will continue to flood for that possibility. Although, the extended forecast does not look promising for an ice road, we still have a lot of winter left and will need to be ready if the windsleds are forced to run.

### **Parks**

- Dick has been coming in once a week and checking BBTP's reservations and emails. Campsites are filling up and looking like another busy year for the park and island.
- I will soon be working on an RFP to stain and seal the concrete floors in the bathrooms at BBTP. I'll plan to have the floors sealed before the first campers arrive for the 2016 season.
- I filed BBTP's 2015 water usage report with the DNR on January 29, 2016. The new main well pumped just over 15,000 gallons of water for the season.

### **Equipment**

- As you saw in a purchase order, we needed a new motor on the sander that we purchased used this past fall. This was easily installed by Adam and was back running in less than three days.
- Although not budgeted for, the cracked leaf spring on 98 was purchased and replaced. This part was mandatory to keep our truck safe and running. I will manage our budget accordingly to keep it within our forecasted budget.
- On truck 54, the power steering line was replaced, two pins for the plow were manufactured here and installed, and new cut edges were put on the plow.
- Both police cars had an oil change. Adam also installed wifi in both and misc. lights for in the cab and cage.
- Fred was our last truck to get ready for winter and primarily serves as a backup. This truck was used while 98 was being fixed.
- Adam has started transferring and recording equipment records onto the computer to better track and file. This is being done for both the Roads and Fire Depts.

**Admin/Misc.**

- Our propane tanks were filled on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- Unfortunately we had to send back the second break wall light due to a manufacture flaw. I'm currently waiting to hear back from the company on the status. I have expressed my disappointment with the lights failing and I hope we are able to come up with a solution that will better suit our needs soon.
- I would like to thank Lisa Potswald for doing an outstanding job as our new Town Administrator. Her organizational skills and promptness is appreciated at all levels. She has been holding monthly dept. head meetings that have allowed us to discuss what our department's issues and goals are and is helping us to operate better as a whole. Also, each Friday a "Friday email" goes out recapping the week, keeping us all up to date.
- I have continued to work on pricing and outfitting our new two-ton patrol truck. I hope to have a PO to you in mid-February.
- As Lisa mentioned in her report we started inspecting our buildings for capital improvements and maintenance issues. We will continue this into February.

Respectfully submitted,

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